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SUBJ: BUREAU OF MINES TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR BRAZIL IN METALLURGY
TECHNOLOGY

1. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY, PROFESSOR ARNALDO BARBALHO, HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S ASSITANCE IN OBTAINING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR'S APPROVAL FOR A VISIT TO RECIFE BY SEVERAL BUREAU OF MINES METALLURGY SPECIALISTS.

2. MESSRS. LUIS SIQUEIRA AND VINICIUS GUERREIRO DE LUCENA OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF PERNAMBUCO, ACCORDING TO BARBALHO, HAVE VISITED THE BUREAU'S SALT LAKE CITY METALLURGY RESEARCH CENTER AND ITS FACILITY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SULFUR AND NA₂CO₃ FROM GYPSUM AND LAKE SALT. THEY ALSO VISITED THE ELCOR CHEMICAL COMPANY THERE.

3. THERE IS A DESIRE TO CONSTRUCT A SIMILAR, LABORATORY-SIZED PLANT IN PERNAMBUCO. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF PERNAMBUCO IS WILLING TO PAY FOR TRAVEL TO RECIFE BY BUREAU OF MINES EXPERTS, SUCH AS MR. WILLIAM I. NISSEU AND MR. JOSEPH R. ROSENBAUM. THE EXPERTS WOULD PLAN AND OBSERVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT. BARBALHO SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PLANT, THE STATE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO SEEK A PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION

TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PILOT INDUSTRIAL UNIT IN ORDER TO
TEST TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY ON AN INDUSTRIAL
SCALE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT IT BE INFORMED
BY TELEGRAM OF THE DEPT. OF INTERIOR'S APPROVAL (ASSUMING
IT HAS BEEN REQUESTED) OF TRAVEL BY METALLURGY CENTER PERSONNEL TO
RECIFE. FOLLOWING ADVICE OF THE APPROVAL,
THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF PERNAMBUCO WILL GET IN TOUCH
DIRECTLY WITH THE METALLURGY CENTER.

5. EMBASSY URGES A RAPID AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO
THIS REQUEST WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE FULLY IN
CONFORMANCE WITH US POST-AID TECHNICAL COOPERATION
POLICY.

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